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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

| In re the Application of |) | |
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| GOLDMAN, et al. |) | |
| Serial No. 09/902 540 |) | |
| |) | RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING |
| Filed: July 10, 2001 |) | PARTS OF NON PROVISIONAL |
| |) | APPLICATION |
| For: MYXOCOCCUS XANT | HUS) | AND |
| GENOME SEQUENCES | (AND) | PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT |
| USES THEREOF |) | |

Honorable Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Filed Under 37 CFR 1.53(b), mailed September 21, 2001, enclosed is the filing fee and Declaration and a copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts.

Also provided herein is a Preliminary Amendment to be entered prior to examination of the application. The required filing fee has been recalculated as indicated on the enclosed Fee Transmittal Sheet in view of amendments to the Claims requested in the Preliminary Amendment.

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Please cancel Claims 2-7, 20-26 and 32-33 without prejudice to renewed presentation of these claims in the present or a continuing application.